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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1 1 (Original). A relay apparatus comprising:
2 external connection interface means to which a plurality of
3 communication means are connected and which individually interfaces with
4 the communication means; and
5 common control means which is commonly provided for the plurality
6 of communication means and controls to perform communication by using
7 one of the plurality of communication means connected to said external
8 connection interface means in accordance with operation by a user.

1 2 (Original). An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said common control
2 means comprises
3 call control means for acquiring, from a communication terminal
4 connected to said external connection interface means, unique communication
5 information including communication partner information and log information
6 used for communication through the communication terminal,
7 a database storing communication information, and
8 database management means for classifying communication
9 information according to communication partners and collectively managing
10 the information.

1 3 (Original). An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said common control
2 means comprises
3 window display means for displaying various kinds of information
4 about communication, and search means for retrieving communication
5 information about a communication partner from said database, and

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6 said call control means displays the retrieval result obtained by said
7 search means on said window display means.

1 4 (Currently amended). An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said
2 database stores termination propriety condition information set for each
3 communication partner, and
4 said common control means further comprises response determination
5 means for, if during speech communication through one of the plurality of
6 communication means, an incoming call is received through another
7 communication means, determining the propriety of responding to the
8 incoming call on the basis of termination propriety condition information
9 about a communication partner, from said database, with which the speech
10 communication is being performed.

1 5 (Original). An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said external
2 connection interface means comprises at least one of terminal interface means
3 for interfacing with a terminal and line interface means for a line.

1 6 (Original). An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising relay
2 means for relaying/connecting said terminal interface means and said line
3 interface means to said control means.

1 7 (Original). An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the communication
2 means comprises at least one of a portable terminal and a communication line,
3 and performs various kinds of communication.

1 8 (Currently amended). An apparatus according to claim 8 1, wherein the
2 communication means performs at least one of speech communication,
3 electronic mail communication, and image communication.